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Annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work*

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* The proposed organization of work will be issued as E/CN.6/2014/1/Add.1.

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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and pursuant to Council resolution 1987/21 and decision 2002/234, the Commission on the Status of Women, at the 1st meeting of its fifty-eighth session, on 15 March 2013, elected, by acclamation, Neli Shiolashvili (Georgia) as Vice-Chair for the fifty-eighth session, and Christine Loew (Switzerland) as Vice-Chair for the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions.

At its 2nd meeting, on 10 March 2014, the Commission will be called upon to elect Libran Cabactulan (Philippines), nominated by the Asia-Pacific States, as Chair for the fifty-eighth session; Mohamed Elbahi (Sudan), nominated by the African States, and Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador) nominated by the Latin American and Caribbean States, as Vice-Chairs for the fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions; and to designate one of the Vice-Chairs as Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur of the Commission.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/16, the Commission appoints five of its members to serve a two-year term on the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women established in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27. At the 1st meeting of its fifty-eighth session, the Commission appointed Bernadette Ntaba-Kadyamusuma (Zimbabwe) representing the African States, Galina Khvan (Russian Federation) representing the Eastern European States, and Noa Furman (Israel) representing the Western European and Other States, to serve as members of the Working Group on Communications for the Commission's fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions.

At its 2nd meeting, on 10 March 2014, the Commission will be called upon to appoint the remaining members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure provides that the Commission, at the beginning of each session, shall adopt the agenda of that session on the basis of the provisional agenda.

The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2013/233.

Preparations for the fifty-eighth session of the Commission were undertaken in accordance with its agreed conclusions 1996/1 on methods of work and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2009/15. Accordingly, the Bureau of the Commission held several meetings as well as informal briefings and consultations with delegations to consider the organization and methods of work for the session.

Following past practice, statements delivered by representatives of delegations of members and observers of the Commission during general discussions shall be limited to 5 minutes, and statements made on behalf of groups of delegations to 10 minutes. It is also recommended that interventions from non-governmental

organizations be integrated into the general debate and the thematic panel discussions, taking into consideration geographical balance.

3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

(a) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives

High-level round table

In its resolution 2006/9, the Economic and Social Council decided that the annual interactive high-level round table would focus on experiences, lessons learned and good practices, including results with supporting data, where available, in relation to the implementation of previous commitments made with regard to the priority theme.

The high-level round table at the fifty-eighth session will focus on "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls".

Documentation

Discussion guide for the high-level round table on the challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls: note by the Secretariat (E/CN.6/2014/5)

Priority theme

In its resolution 2009/15, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the Commission's proposed future organization and methods of work. Accordingly, at its fifty-eighth session, the Commission will consider the theme "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls".

Review theme

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2009/15, the Commission will evaluate progress in the implementation of the agreed conclusions from its fifty-fifth session on "Access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology, including for the promotion of women's equal access to full employment and decent work".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (E/CN.6/2014/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes, with particular focus on the challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls (E/CN.6/2014/4)

(b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men: women's access to productive resources

In its resolution 2006/9, the Economic and Social Council requested the Bureau of the Commission, prior to each session, to identify, in consultation with all States, through their regional groups, an emerging issue for consideration by the Commission, taking into account developments at the global and regional levels as well as planned activities within the United Nations, where increased attention to gender perspectives was required.

Following consultation, the Bureau decided that the Commission would hold an interactive expert panel on the emerging issue of women's access to productive resources.

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

In accordance with paragraph 67 (c) of General Assembly resolution 64/289, the Commission will have before it the annual report of the head of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on the normative aspects of the work of UN-Women and on its implementation of the policy guidance provided by the Commission.

Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

In its resolution 2013/17 on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission to continue to monitor and take action with regard to the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, in particular paragraph 260 concerning Palestinian women and children, the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. It also requested the Secretary-General to continue to review the situation, to assist Palestinian women by all available means and to submit to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session a report, including information provided by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution.

Violence against women

In its resolution 50/166 on the role of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (now UN-Women) in eliminating violence against women, the General Assembly requested the Fund to include in its regular reports information on the establishment of a trust fund in support of national, regional and international actions to eliminate violence against women and to provide such information to the Commission.

Release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts

In its resolution 56/1, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the

resolution, including relevant practical recommendations, taking into account the information provided by States and relevant international organizations.

Gender equality and the empowerment of women in natural disasters

In its resolution 56/2, the Commission on the Status of Women requested the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session on the implementation of the resolution, including suggestions on how to further address the issue of gender equality and the empowerment of women in natural disasters within the existing United Nations framework.

Eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women

In its resolution 56/3, the Commission on the Status of Women requested the Secretary-General to provide a report to the Commission at its fifty-eighth session on actions to strengthen linkages among programmes, initiatives and activities throughout the United Nations system for gender equality, the empowerment of women and girls, protection of all of their human rights and elimination of preventable maternal mortality and morbidity.

Women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS

In its resolution 56/5, the Commission requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the fifty-eighth session on the situation of women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS, with an emphasis on accelerated actions taken in regard to women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS, in accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the 2006 and 2011 Political Declarations on HIV/AIDS and the 2011 Commitments on HIV/AIDS, using information provided by Member States and the United Nations system.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

In accordance with article 21.2 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the reports of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women are transmitted to the Commission for its information. The report of the Committee on its fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions (A/68/38) will be before the Commission. A note by the Secretariat transmitting the results of the fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Committee will also be before the Commission.

Functioning of the Commission's methods of work

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2013/18, the Commission will review the functioning of its methods of work, adopted by the Council in its resolution 2006/9 and confirmed in its resolution 2009/15, with a view to further enhancing the impact of the work of the Commission.

Programme matters

The Commission will have before it for its consideration a note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2016-2017. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme

plan for gender equality and the empowerment of women and provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its session in June 2014. Its recommendations thereon will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017.

Documentation

Report of the Under-Secretary-General/Executive Director of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women to the Commission on the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2014/2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of and assistance to Palestinian women (E/CN.6/2014/6)

Report of the Secretary-General on the release of women and children taken hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts (E/CN.6/2014/7)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women on the activities of the United Nations Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women (A/HRC/26/17-E/CN.6/2014/8)

Report of the Secretary-General on eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity through the empowerment of women (E/CN.6/2014/11)

Report of the Secretary-General on women, the girl child and HIV and AIDS (E/CN.6/2014/12)

Report of the Secretary-General on gender equality and the empowerment of women in natural disasters (E/CN.6/2014/13)

Report of the Secretary-General on ways and means to further enhance the impact of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2014/14)

Note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the strategic framework for the biennium 2016-2017 (E/CN.6/2014/CRP.2)

Documents for information

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on its fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions (A/68/38)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the results of the fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (E/CN.6/2014/CRP.1)

4. Communications concerning the status of women

In its resolution 76 (V), the Economic and Social Council established a procedure by which the Commission would receive and consider communications relating to the status of women. In its resolution 304 I (XI), the Council amended resolution 76 (V) and requested the Secretary-General to compile, before each session of the

Commission, a list of confidential and non-confidential communications, containing a brief indication of the substance of each communication.

In its resolution 1983/27, the Council reaffirmed the mandate of the Commission to consider confidential and non-confidential communications on the status of women and authorized the Commission to appoint a working group to consider such communications and prepare a report thereon for the Commission.

In its resolution 1993/11, the Council reaffirmed that the Commission was empowered to make recommendations to the Council on what action should be taken on emerging trends and patterns of discrimination against women revealed by such communications.

In its decision 2002/235, the Council decided, in order to make the communications procedure of the Commission more effective and efficient:

(a) That the Commission, starting at its forty-seventh session, should appoint, at each session, the members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women for the next session so that the members would be able to meet to enable the Secretariat to issue their report three working days before the adoption of the agenda by the Commission;

(b) To request the Secretary-General:

(i) To inform Governments about each communication pertaining to them that would be considered by the Commission and give them at least 12 weeks before the consideration of such communications by the Working Group;

(ii) To ensure that the members of the Working Group receive in advance the lists of communications, including replies from Governments, if any, to be taken into account in preparing its report for examination by the Commission.

In its resolution 2009/16, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Commission, starting at its fifty-fourth session, should appoint the members of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women for a two-year period.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the list of confidential communications concerning the status of women (E/CN.6/2014/SW/COMM.LIST/48/R and Add.1)

5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

The Commission will have before it a letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council on the follow-up to the Council's policy recommendations and action taken by the General Assembly in resolution 68/1.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/1, the Economic and Social Council shall invite its subsidiary bodies and the governing bodies of the funds, programmes and specialized agencies to contribute, as appropriate, to its work in keeping with the Council's agreed theme.

The theme for the Council's high-level segment in 2014 is "Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting the Millennium Development Goals in 2015 and for sustaining development gains in the future". The proposed theme for the Council's integration segment of 2014 is sustainable urbanization.

Documentation

Letter from the President of the Economic and Social Council to the Chair of the Commission on the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2014/9)

Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 68/1 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.6/2014/10)

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission will have before it a draft provisional agenda for its fifty-ninth session, including the list of documents to be submitted for its consideration.

7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-eighth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fifty-eighth session.

Annex

Membership of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-eighth session (2014)

(45 members; four-year term)

Membership	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Argentina	2014
Bangladesh	2014
Belarus	2017
Belgium	2015
Brazil	2016
Burkina Faso	2017
Central African Republic	2014
China	2016
Comoros	2014
Cuba	2016
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2015
Dominican Republic	2016
Ecuador	2017
El Salvador	2014
Estonia	2015
Finland	2016
Gambia	2014
Georgia	2015
Germany	2017
Indonesia	2016
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2015
Israel	2017
Jamaica	2015
Japan	2017
Lesotho	2017

Membership	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Liberia	2015
Libya	2014
Malaysia	2014
Mongolia	2014
Netherlands	2015
Niger	2016
Pakistan	2017
Paraguay	2017
Philippines	2014
Republic of Korea	2014
Russian Federation	2016
Spain	2015
Sudan	2016
Swaziland	2014
Switzerland	2017
Thailand	2015
Uganda	2017
United States of America	2016
Uruguay	2014
Zimbabwe	2015